

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 358 – Search Warrants, Electronic Applications to Court (LSB1658SV)
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Description

Senate File 358 allows for the application for and issuance of a search warrant by electronic means. The Bill permits the Judicial Branch to establish the processes and procedures for the electronic submission of an application for and issuance of a search warrant. In addition, SF 358 allows for the written inventory of any property seized to be filed with the clerk of the district court.

Background

Currently, search warrants may only be submitted to and issued by a magistrate through written means. Senate File 358 allows for electronic application for and issuance of a search warrant.

Assumptions

The electronic submission system for receiving applications and issuing warrants would not be implemented until the necessary technology funds are available to complete the project.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 358 does not have a fiscal impact because it does not mandate immediate implementation of an electronic submission system. An electronic submission system for the application for and issuance of search warrants would not be implemented until the necessary technology funds are available within the Judicial Branch operating budget.

The costs and possible savings from implementing an electronic submission system are currently unknown, and will vary depending on the ability of the local law enforcement systems to interface with the Court's electronic document management system. The electronic submission system may allow for some savings as a result of reduced processing costs and greater efficiency in the application and issuance process.

Source

Judicial Branch

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